



MEMBERSHIP PROCESS

1. Persons interested in membership must attend a membership class, which is offered quarterly.
2. A membership application should be completed and returned to the church office at 1674 U.S. Route 20, Skaneateles, NY 13152. (Applications can also be left at the Welcome Center on Sundays.)
3. When a membership application is received, the following communication should occur:
 - A letter will be sent acknowledging the receipt of the application
 - Once the review process has begun, another letter will be sent informing the applicant of this. The letter will include an outline of the membership process.
4. An elder is assigned to the applicant and is responsible for
 - Connecting with applicant either in person or by phone
 - Answering questions with regard to the membership process
 - Assisting with connections to church family
5. After all steps above are completed, the elder board will receive the application, along with any additional information from the assigned elder. The elder board votes to determine the applicant's membership status. The assigned elder will contact the prospective member to inform them of their membership status.
6. Approved members will receive a letter containing details about the upcoming Membership Sunday.
7. Members are welcomed into the Grace Chapel family and will receive a certificate of church membership.

Any questions about membership? Please contact the church office at 685-3071.

4. Do you believe the Bible to be the inspired and infallible Word of God, and as such, the rule and final authority for faith and conduct? _____

4. 1 Corinthians 12:12 tells us that the church is a body made up of many parts. No part is more important than another, and all parts should have equal concerns for one another. At Grace Chapel, we consider ourselves family, and families make commitments to one another. By becoming a member:

(Please indicate your intention by writing *yes* or *no* on the line provided)

_____ Will you nurture your relationship with our Heavenly Father

- By listening to him speak to me through His Word?
- By communing with Him in prayer?
- By pursuing His will?
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_____ Will you share the mission of the church

- By praying for those who don't have a relationship with God?
- By sharing the gospel with those who haven't heard?
- By supporting our partners as they spread the gospel?
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_____ Will you serve the ministry of the church

- By using my gifts and talents to edify the body?
- By being equipped to serve by my pastors and teachers?
- By being a good steward of all the resources God has entrusted to me?

_____ Will you support the testimony of the church:

- By demonstrating the character of Christ in the context of your relationships?
- By dealing with disagreement in a biblical way?
- By loving your brothers and sisters in Christ as God has loved you?

5. Have you read Grace Chapel's Statement of Faith, and do you cheerfully support it? If not, please explain.

6. Have you read Grace Chapel's statement about vision and identity, and do you cheerfully support it? If not, please explain.

7. Have you been baptized since you've trusted in Jesus for salvation? _____

If not, do you desire to be baptized? _____

8. What unique abilities, passions or experiences do you possess that could be used by God for His kingdom purposes? What responsibilities have you had or what positions have you held in other churches? Please describe.

9. Please describe any opportunities that you have had to use your abilities, passions and experiences in God's kingdom.

10. Do you know what your spiritual gifts are? If so, please describe.

11. Additional Comments: Please add any further information you feel might be of value in considering membership.

Name and address of previous church, if applicable.

Church name: _____

Address: _____

May we contact your previous church concerning your involvement?

Yes _____ No _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone number _____ E-mail _____

After completing this application, please return it to the church office: 1674 U.S. Route 20, Skaneateles, NY 13152.

Interviewed by: _____ Date interviewed: _____

Comments: _____

Comments from contact with previous church _____

Signature of Approval: _____